Title: Request the Hon'ble Prime Minister to introduce the three Ministers sworn in last Saturday and need to stop the shifting of regional news unit from Calcutta to Trivandrum.

SHRI E. AHAMED (MANJERI): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I would like to bring to the notice of this House as well as the Minister of Information and Broadcasting, a very important matter. I do not know why the hon. Prime Minister has not introduced the three Ministers who have been sworn in last Saturday. As a matter of fact, they should have been introduced to this House at the earliest opportunity. The Minister of Information and Broadcasting is not present here. That is why I am mentioning it.

The All India Radio Station at Kozhikode is a regional unit functioning for the last more than four decades. Ever since it has been established there, there was an arrangement for news broadcasting at the regional news unit in that Station. Sometime back, there was a move to shift that unit from Calicut to Trivandrum. There was a public agitation.

I had raised this matter here. Now, there is a move in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting to shift the regional news unit from Calicut to Trivandrum. It is wrong. It is unjustifiable because now there is morning as well as midday news bulletins being broadcast on the Calicut All India Radio. Some officers in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting are trying to shift it from Calicut to Trivandrum. There will be a big public agitation. I would like to inform the Government that if any such move is under their consideration, it should be dropped and given up. Otherwise, there will be a very big public agitation.

>THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): Sir, I will try to communicate the concern expressed by the hon. Member, to the Minister. The first point which he has raised is that the Ministers have not been introduced by the Prime Minister. Let me also inform the House, through you, that the Prime Minister would be here. All the new Ministers who have been appointed, would be introduced at 5 o'clock. At that time, all of you can be here.

The point, which has been raised, will be communicated to the Minister of Information and Broadcasting.